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My Fellow Tennesseans,

On January 18, 2003, Phil Bredesen was inaugurated the 48th governor of our state.

During his first year as governor, he led our state government down the path of stability with a responsible, balanced budget and cost-saving TennCare reforms. He put great focus on economic development, and brightened the futures of our children and our communities through investments in education. He restored an open and common-sense approach to the everyday affairs of state government. With these accomplishments in his first year, we can expect an even brighter future for the state of Tennessee during the Bredesen administration.

It is my pleasure on behalf of all Tennesseans to dedicate the *2001-2004 Tennessee Blue Book* to Governor Phil Bredesen.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Riley C. Darnell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "R" and "D".  
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## PREFACE

The *Tennessee Blue Book* is a publication which serves as a manual of useful information on our state and its government, both past and present. This edition contains information on the makeup of Tennessee state government. It also contains an expansive history section, the constitutions of the United States and Tennessee, the state's symbols and honors, the most recent election returns, and census information.

The *Blue Book* is divided into six sections. The first three sections are devoted to the legislative, executive, and judicial branches of government. These sections appear in the order set forth by the state constitution.

The organization of the aforementioned sections is based upon the organizational chart of state government which appears on the following page. Section I is dedicated to the 102nd and 103rd General Assemblies. It also lists the membership of the various House and Senate committees for the 102nd and 103rd General Assemblies. These committees examine issues pertinent to Tennesseans and give guidance necessary for the smooth operation of state government.

Three constitutional offices—secretary of state, comptroller of the treasury, and treasurer, filled by majority vote of the General Assembly—are also featured in this section as well as a description of their duties.

Section II is devoted to the executive branch of government and explains the function of the numerous departments administered by the governor through his appointed commissioners. This section also describes the governor's responsibilities and explores the history and duties of the agencies under his authority.

Section III examines the judicial branch of state government and provides details concerning the state's judicial system and the people who interpret state law.

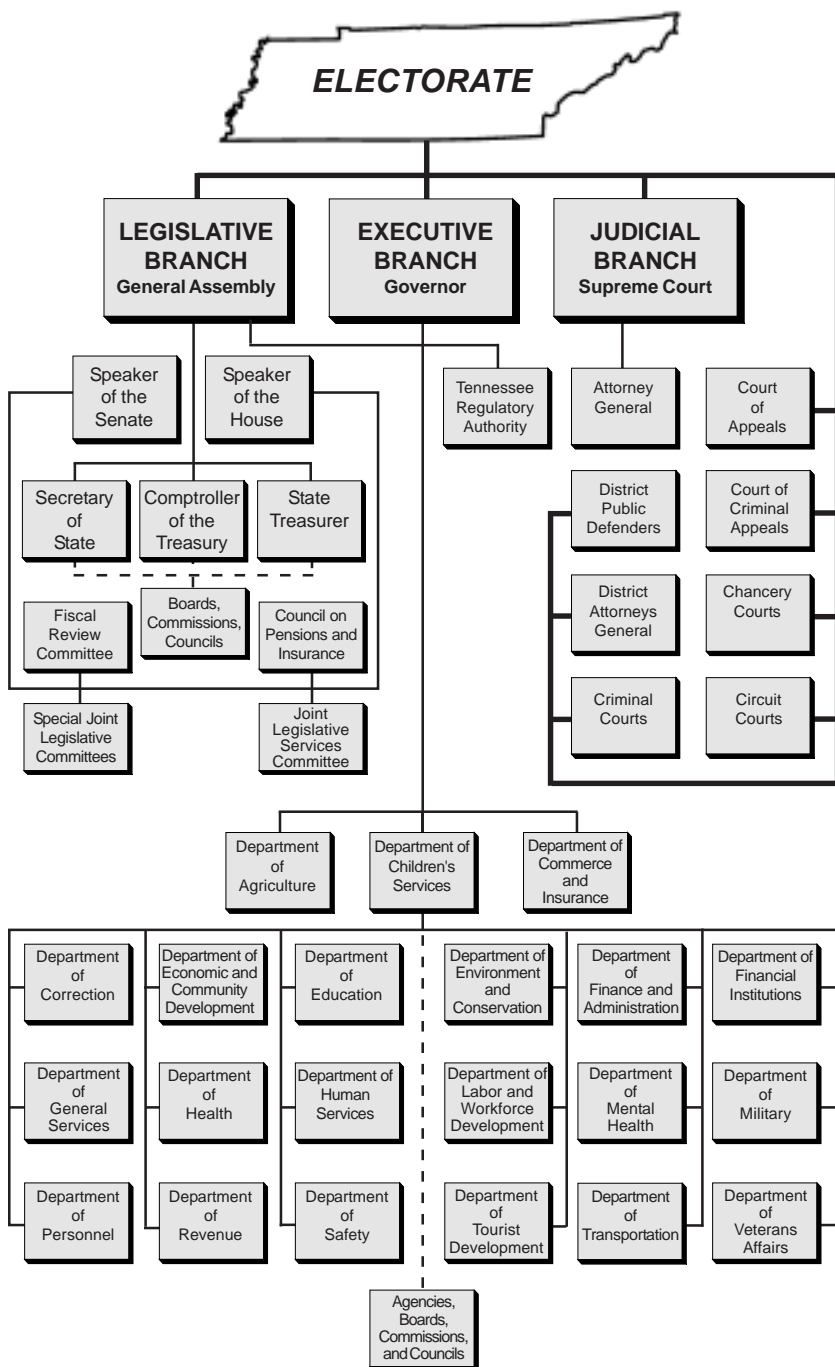
Included in the section is an explanation of the duties of the state's attorney general and reporter. The attorney general and reporter is a constitutional officer appointed by the Tennessee Supreme Court.

Section IV is devoted to the people who have been elected to represent Tennessee at the federal level of government and to the United States Constitution.

Section V contains a cumulative history which examines the development of the state from a wilderness to the present era, portraits and biographies of Tennessee's former governors, various historic sites in Tennessee, symbols the state Legislature has selected as representative of Tennessee at its best, and the Tennessee Constitution.

Section VI details the results of elections held across the state in 2000, 2002, and 2003 and provides statistical information regarding the cities and counties of Tennessee.

The term *Blue Book* dates from the 15th century when the English Parliament began keeping its records in large volumes covered with blue velvet. Since that time the name *Blue Book* has been used to describe many forms of government manuals.



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